

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. – 6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) A mounting device for a gutter for buildings that extends in a first longitudinal direction, the gutter being of the type having a generally channel or trough shaped body for collecting water and having an inner wall, the mounting device comprising an elongated device body that extends in a second longitudinal direction between opposite ends, the body including:

~~an attachment section which is attachable to the building and a gutter mounting section, wherein said elongated body includes a generally U-shaped portion, legs of the U-shaped portion being spaced apart so as to provide~~ having first and second spaced apart legs having opposing surfaces defining a recess therebetween for closely receiving part of the internal wall of the gutter with opposite surfaces of the gutter part being in facing relation with respective legs of the U-shaped portion, the gutter mounting section in an installed position, the first leg of the U-shaped portion including a plurality of gutter retaining clips spaced apart from one another in the second longitudinal direction and extending into the recess, the retaining clips being adapted to cooperate with the gutter part received in the gutter to retain the gutter to the mounting device, the second leg of the U-shaped portion being attachable to the building, the second leg having opposite surfaces, one of the opposite surfaces being a rear surface that is arranged to face the building when the second leg is attached to the building and the other of the opposite surfaces being one of the opposing surfaces defining the recess so as to allow for locating of the inner wall of the gutter into the recess into the installed position when the second leg is attached to the building, and when the gutter is located in the installed position, opposite surfaces of the inner wall of the gutter are in facing relation with respective ones of the opposing surfaces of the first and second legs and the retaining clips closely cooperate with the second leg

of the U-shaped portion and the inner wall of the gutter to retain the gutter to the mounting device; and

wherein the mounting device is configured such that when the gutter is ~~retained to the mounting device~~ in the installed position, the second longitudinal direction of the elongated device body is substantially parallel to the first longitudinal direction of the gutter.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A mounting device according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 7, wherein the gutter retaining clips include projections which extend into the recess and are adapted to cooperate with the inner wall of the gutter so as to retain the gutter to the device.

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A mounting device according to claim 9, wherein said projections are hook-like elements pressed or punched out of the ~~gutter mounting section~~ first leg.

12. (Currently Amended) A mounting device according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 7, further including a plurality of access apertures in the ~~gutter mounting section~~ first leg for providing access to the ~~attachment section~~ the second leg when it is being attached to the building.

13. (Currently Amended) A mounting device according to claim 7, wherein the retaining clips are aligned ~~at an angle~~ parallel with respect to a single edge of the mounting device, ~~corresponding to an angle of a fall required when the gutter is in an installed position.~~

14. (Currently Amended) A mounting device according to claim 7, wherein the ~~attachment-section~~ second leg is adapted to receive fasteners to secure the mounting device to a building.

15. (Currently Amended) A mounting device according to ~~claim 8~~ claim 7, wherein the elongated device body is channel shaped and is generally U-shaped in cross-section transverse to the longitudinal direction.

16. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device for buildings, the gutter comprising:

a generally channel or trough shaped body for collecting water with an inner wall having a gutter mounting thereon, and the gutter extending in a first longitudinal direction[[]];

the mounting device comprising an elongated body that extends in a second longitudinal direction between opposite ends, the body including: ~~an attachment-section which is attachable to the building and a gutter mounting-section, wherein said elongated body includes a generally U-shaped portion, legs of the U-shaped portion being spaced apart so as to provide a recess therebetween for closely receiving the inner wall of the gutter in an installed position with opposite surfaces of the inner wall being in facing relation with respective legs of the U-shaped portion, the gutter mounting-section including a plurality of gutter retaining clips spaced apart from one another in the second longitudinal direction, the retaining clips being adapted to cooperate with the gutter mounting to retain the gutter to the device in the installed position, wherein the mounting device is configured such that when the gutter is retained to the mounting device, the second longitudinal direction of the elongated device body is substantially parallel to the first longitudinal direction of the gutter~~

a generally U-shaped portion having first and second spaced apart legs having opposing surfaces defining a recess therebetween for closely receiving part of the internal wall of the gutter in an installed position, the first leg of the U-shaped portion including a plurality of gutter retaining clips spaced apart from one another in the second longitudinal direction and extending into the recess, the inner wall of the gutter and the U-shaped portion being configured

so that when the gutter is located in the installed position, opposite surfaces of the inner wall of the gutter are in facing relation with respective ones of the opposing surfaces of the first and second legs and the retaining clips and the second leg of the U-shaped portion bear against the inner wall of the gutter so as to capture the mounting portion within the recess to retain the gutter to the mounting device;

wherein the mounting device is configured such that when the gutter is in the installed position, the second longitudinal direction of the elongated device body is substantially parallel to the first longitudinal direction of the gutter.

17. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to ~~claim 16~~ claim 37, wherein ~~one the second leg of the U-shaped portion is the attachment section and the other leg is the gutter mounting section.~~

18. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to ~~claim 17~~ claim 16, wherein the gutter retaining clips include projections which extend into the recess and are adapted to cooperate with the gutter mounting on the inner wall of the gutter so as to retain the gutter in the installed position.

19. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to claim 18, wherein the gutter mounting on the inner wall of the gutter is a raised elongated rib or turned over edge which, when the gutter is in the installed position, is disposed within the recess and inhibited from removal by said projections.

20. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to claim 18, wherein said projections are hook-like elements pressed or punched out of the ~~gutter mounting section~~ first leg.

21. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to ~~claim 18~~ claim 17, further including a plurality of access apertures in the ~~gutter mounting section~~ first

leg for providing access to the ~~attachment section~~ second leg when it is being attached to the building.

22. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to claim 16, wherein the retaining clips are ~~aligned at an angle parallel~~ with respect to a single edge of the mounting device ~~corresponding to an angle of a fall required when the gutter is in the installed position.~~

23. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to ~~claim 16~~ claim 17, wherein the ~~attachment section~~ second leg is adapted to receive fasteners to secure the mounting device to a building.

24. (Previously Presented) A gutter and mounting device according to claim 16, wherein the body is channel shaped and is generally U-shaped in cross-section transverse to the longitudinal direction.

25. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a gutter that extends in a first longitudinal direction, comprising the steps of:

attaching a mounting device to a generally planar surface of a building, the mounting device comprising an elongated device body ~~includes~~ including a generally U-shaped portion having first and second legs, the legs of the U-shaped portion being spaced apart so as to provide a recess therebetween for closely receiving part of the gutter with opposite surfaces of the gutter-part the part of the gutter being in facing relation with respective legs of the U-shaped portion, the elongated device body extending in a second longitudinal direction between opposite ends and including a plurality of retaining clips on the first leg that extend into the recess, the mounting device being positioned on the building so that the U-shaped portion is disposed adjacent to the surface of the building and the ~~clips are~~ mounting device is aligned so as to correspond to an angle of a fall required when the gutter is in an installed position; and

mounting the gutter to the device by moving the gutter to the installed position where an inner wall of the gutter extends into the recess and, wherein the retaining clips ~~cooperate with the gutter on the first leg and the second leg bear against the inner wall of the gutter so as to capture the mounting portion in the recess so as~~ to retain the gutter in the installed position, wherein in the installed position, the first longitudinal direction of the gutter is substantially parallel to the second longitudinal direction of the elongated device body.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a gutter according to claim 25, wherein the retaining clips of the mounting device are ~~aligned at an angle parallel~~ with respect to a single edge of the mounting device ~~corresponding to the angle of the fall~~, and the step of attaching the mounting device to the building further comprises ~~aligning~~ locating the single edge of the mounting device at an angle to an edge of the building to correspond to the fall required when the gutter is in the installed position.

27. (Currently Amended) A mounting device according to claim 7, wherein at least two retaining clips of the mounting device are ~~aligned, such that the at least two retaining clips~~ are able to simultaneously engage the gutter to retain the gutter to the mounting device.

28. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to claim 16, wherein at least two retaining clips ~~of the mounting device are aligned, such that the at least two retaining clips~~ are able to simultaneously engage the gutter to retain the gutter to the mounting device.

29. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a gutter according to claim 25, wherein ~~at least two retaining clips of the mounting device are aligned, engage the gutter, and the step of attaching the mounting device to the building further comprises mounting the gutter to the mounting device such that~~ further comprises causing at least two retaining clips to simultaneously engage the gutter.

30. (Cancelled).

31. (Currently Amended) A mounting device according to ~~claim 30~~ claim 12, wherein the access apertures are provided in the ~~gutter mounting section~~ first leg in an alternating arrangement with the ~~mounting~~ retaining clips.

32. (Cancelled).

33. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to ~~claim 32~~ claim 21, wherein the access apertures are provided in the ~~gutter mounting section~~ first leg in an alternating arrangement with the ~~mounting~~ retaining clips.

34. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a gutter according to claim 25, wherein the ~~gutter mounting section~~ first leg includes a plurality of access apertures for providing access to the ~~attachment section~~ second leg when it is being attached to the building.

35. (Currently Amended) A method of installing a gutter according to claim 34, wherein the access apertures are provided in the gutter mounting section in an alternating arrangement with the ~~mounting~~ retaining clips.

36. (Currently Amended) A gutter and mounting device according to ~~claim 22~~ claim 16, wherein at least two retaining clips ~~of the mounting device are aligned, such that the~~ are able to simultaneously engage the gutter to retain the gutter to the mounting device.

37. (New) A gutter and mounting device according to claim 16, wherein the elongated device body further comprises an attachment section attachable to the building and having a rear surface that is arranged to face the building when the attachment section is attached to the building, the recess being disposed forward of the rear surface so as to allow for locating

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of the inner wall of the gutter into the recess into the installed position when the attachment section is attached to the building.